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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


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SUBJECT: Current Intelligence--Killian Committee
(Meeting with General Lewis, Director/AFOIN, 16 July 1957)

1. I referred to the consideration given and action taken by the IAC, following the receipt by DCI of a letter on national current intelligence signed by General Cassidy on behalf of the Killian Board. I said to General Lewis it was my purpose to try to find ways and means of improving production of current intelligence in the light of the views expressed by the Killian Committee. We briefly reviewed present procedures, in particular the relationship between the Military Division of this office and the various elements of AFOIN. He said he believed the relationship was on a sound basis and was functioning entirely satisfactorily. I asked him if he would consider it constructive to have one or more officers from AFOIN on duty or attending specific meetings in this office. He said that it was his opinion that such a system would not work, and that any method of attempting to produce current intelligence on an integrated basis would be doomed to failure. He said that if the Killian group was still not satisfied with the way current intelligence was being conducted in the community, a definition in detail of the problems should be forthcoming. I suggested to him one aspect that might be concerning the Killian group was their belief that the number of house organs published was large. General Lewis thereupon outlined the requirements that the Air Force had for tailoring a publication to the specific requirements of the Air Force senior staff, and added that he saw no way of handling his problem differently. It is quite clear from his comments that he did not believe that any single publication could conceivably be devised and produced to satisfy all the needs of current intelligence consumers. He emphasized, as he has done previously, that his office benefits substantially from the productions of this office, and he had no specific suggestions to offer for their improvement.

2. The foregoing does not advance the cause; it supports my view that the Pentagon is not desirous of changing the present way of handling current intelligence.

3. I shall pursue this matter with G-2 and ONI. Hugh Cumming is out of town this week.


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